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SUBJECT: CODEL ABOUREZK

REF: STATE 147362

1. SENATOR IS NOT REPEAT NOT INCURRING ANY EXPENSES WHATSOEVER WHILE IN THE SOVIET UNION AS A RESULT OF PAYING MONEY OF ANY CURRENCY TO ANY INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION FOR WHICH HE HAS EXPRESSED ANY CONCERN WHATSOEVER. HE HAS NEVER INDICATED THAT HE IS ENTITLED TO OR EXPECTS TO RECEIVE ANY COMPENSATION FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT FOR ANY OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES HE IS MAKING WHILE IN THE USSR.

2. WHILE IN THE USSR THE SENATOR HAS BEEN EXCHANGING INTOURIST VOUCHERS FOR SERVICES PREPAID IN THE USA AND HAS ALSO USED SOME OR ALL OF THE LOCAL CURRENCY EQUIVALENT OF \$21 PER DAY WHICH HE RECEIVED UPON ARRIVAL PLUS ANY ADDITIONAL PERSONAL MONIES HE MAY BE SPENDING.

2. HE HAD WRITTEN A PERSONAL CHECK OR CHECKS BEFORE DEPARTURE FROM THE USA AND THINKS THAT SOME OF THE SERVICES WHICH HE THINKS WERE PREPAID BY THIS CHECK MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN PAID BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT. IF IN FACT BOTH THE SENATOR AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAVE PAID FOR THE SAME SERVICES, THEN LOGICALLY IT WOULD SEEM THE SENATOR WOULD BE ENTITLED TO A REFUND OF ANY

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MONIES THAT HE PAID FOR THE SAME SERVICES THAT STATE

DEPARTMENT PAID FOR.

3. AFTER REVIEWING INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY, BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT OFFICER EXPRESSED OPINION THAT SENATOR MIGHT BE ENTITLED TO REFUND FOR HIS OWN AIR FARE ONLY FOR TRAVEL BETWEEN MOSCOW-KRASNODAR-MOSCOW-LENINGRAD-MOSCOW WHICH ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION SHOULD COME TO A TOTAL COST OF 74 RUBLES OR \$102.28, ASSUMING PART OF THE MONEY HE PAID BY CHECK IN WASHINGTON WAS FOR THIS SERVICE. THE SENATOR PERSONALLY TOLD CONTROL OFFICER THAT GRIEDER HAS ALL NECESSARY INFORMATION. HE IS CURRENTLY IN LENINGRAD AND LEAVES EARLY SATURDAY MORNING FOR PARIS. SENATOR HAS ALSO INDICATED HE DOESN'T REALLY KNOW ALL THE DETAILS PERSONALLY.

4. MR. JAMES J. GEHRIG, STAFF MEMBER OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AERONAUTICAL AND SPACE SCIENCES, WHO IS ACCOMPANYING SENATOR IN USSR IS, TO BEST KNOWLEDGE OF CONTROL OFFICER, RETURNING TO USA DIRECTLY AFTER FLYING TO PARIS WITH SENATOR. CONTROL OFFICER WILL SUGGEST GEHRIG CONVEY ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO GRIEDER, BURKE, ETC. UPON HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON WHEREUPON MATTER CAN HOPEFULLY BE RESOLVED.

5. IN OPINION OF CONTROL OFFICER. SENATOR IS NOT OVERLY CONCERNED ABOUT IMMEDIATE RESOLUTION THIS MATTER AND CONTROL OFFICER EXPECTS SUGGESTION MADE ABOVE IN PARAGRAPH FOUR WILL BE SATISFACTORY TO THE SENATOR. EMBASSY WILL NOTIFY STATE IF THIS PROCEDURE SATISFACTORY TO SENATOR OR IF NOT WHAT ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURE WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE.
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